

# Rock Harbor News

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## Summer Schedule

The heat of Summer is upon us! We have a terrific variety of activities scheduled for our members this season and here are just a few:

Our Member/Member tournament is coming up on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 4 nine hole rounds and lots of great food and camaraderie.

Our Sand and Suds is Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. We invite you to bring some friends who may want to join the fun here at Rock Harbor.

Our Kids Clinic in conjunction with Frederick County Parks and Rec is July 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up the kids or grandkids on their website.

The Round Hill Fire and Rescue tourney is August 2<sup>nd</sup> and the registration deadline is approaching quickly, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available in the pro shop.

Our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Boulder tournament is Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to sign up early! We have over \$2000. in prize giveaways and a new format. It will be tons of fun and you may get some new bragging rights!

Our Club Championships are August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Project Big Heart Tournament is Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Rappahannock Electric Company employees donate selflessly thru the year from their paychecks, and the proceeds from this event and other fundraisers support local food banks, animal shelters, the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society and more!

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Michael Bruce  
PW Hillyard  
Ralph Kelchner  
Robbie Duren  
Eric Shobe  
Gary Legg  
J.R. Saunders

Peter Funge  
Frank Lagasse  
Dakota Orndorff  
Phil Tidman  
John Sentell  
Brandon Farrell

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*Welcome*

## Fresh From The Grill



*Beau Rudiger,  
RH Grill Manager:*

The dog days of summer are here so make sure you stay hydrated during your round of golf, purchase that extra drink before or during your round. The beverage cart will be running a little later and I'll have the tent set up on #7 all weekend. We are currently waiting to

get a sprinkler system installed in the food trailer and maybe with a little luck it will be out on the course shortly with a few more options to choose from.

We are running Root Beer Floats to help cool you down after your round or the walk from the parking lot as it nears 100 degrees. We will continue the Root Beer

floats for the rest of the summer. Our Saturday night dinners are doing very well so thank you all for your support and if you haven't tried a Saturday night at the club maybe give us a try. Wing night has slowed a little due to the weather but feel free to stop in no matter what the weather is on Thursday night please remember the kitchen closes regular menu at 6pm on Wing night. Thank You!!!

### Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

## GOLF TRIVIA—See how many you can get correct.

*Answers on page 4 of the Insert*

1. What are the chances of making a hole-in-one, twice in a single round of golf?
2. What were the first golf balls made of?
3. Do you know where the term 'birdie' comes from?
4. 80% of all golfers will never achieve less than this number for a handicap, what is it?
5. Where is the longest golf hole in the world? It measure 909 yards.
6. Who is the youngest golfer to get a hole-in-one and how old is he?
7. The most famous left-handed golfer has a secret, he's not really left-handed? Who is it?
8. Where is the highest golf course in the world? It sits at 14,335 feet above sea level at its lowest point.
9. Golf has been played on the moon. Who took this famous shot?
10. It's pretty widely accepted that golf began in Scotland 500+ years ago, but there is one country who claims to have invented a similar game in 943 AD, what country is it?

# The Green:

*Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:*

I would like to thank everyone for the continuous compliments; I appreciate them and pass them on to the maintenance crew. As I ride through the courses, my “To Do” list continuously grows and I see many areas, which I would complain about if I were a golfer at Rock Harbor. I constantly am prioritizing the items we need to address to make Rock Harbor a top-notch golf course.

Part of making our course top-notch is making decisions on cart restrictions, from partial to full cart paths only, where ropes are needed or not. Recently this has become very frustrating. Note the pictures of damage done by carts on a day when I had decided we needed cart paths only all day.

I promise you one thing; there is no advantage to me restricting carts. Restrictions are completely for the preservation of the course under heavy moisture conditions. Yes, we run mowers off the path during some of these times; however, the crew is trained to avoid the areas where they may do damage. If we did not mow during these times, the number of lost balls would increase exponentially.

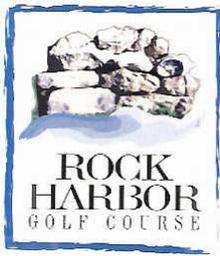
The second half of this involves carts around greens and tees. I hear about courses that allow carts everywhere. The problem with this becomes carts travelling over the same areas, like a cattle trail. It may take a couple of years but compaction will cause loss of turf in the green surrounds. We are trying to provide a solid stand of turf around the greens for better playing conditions. When carts are doing damage it drives costs up; extra maintenance to the course, extra maintenance to the carts, and extra time to clean carts. Eventually this all comes back into the price of your membership or round of golf no matter where you play.

As we move forward in making Rock Harbor a better place to play golf please help us by following our



cart rules. Following our guidelines will improve course conditions and make it more pleasant for everyone.

Feel free to catch me for comments, complaints, or criticisms.



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Questions/Comments or Suggestions welcomed

## Pictorial Diary



This picture was taken in September of 2013.  
Can you guess which hole it is now?

We're on Facebook,  
Twitter and Instagram

We're on the web  
[Rockharborgolf.com](http://Rockharborgolf.com)

### Spring/Summer Member Events

July 19/20 Member/Member

July 28 2-Person Captain's Choice

August 3 The Boulder

August 10/11 Club Championship

August 14 Rock Harbor Ladies Invitational

September 2 Labor Day Members Event